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Introduction of NCC in Schools and Colleges

1111. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce compulsory training of N.C.C. right from school level;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to implement the proposal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The cost of imparting compulsory NCC training to all the students presently studying in the schools from 8th class onwards would be prohibitive.

Bank robberies and dacoities

1112. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank robberies and dacoities committed and reported during the last two years till day in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(c) the amount involved in each case and the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Details of cases of bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in pulic sector banks in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana during the years 1985, 1986 and up to February, 1987 and the amount involved therein, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLI Annexure no. 45]

Reserve Bank of India has further reported that 8 persons have been arrested in connection with these bank robberies / dacoities and an amount of Rs 3.25 lakhs has been recovered.

Fool proof security System for Banks

1113. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foolproof security system for Banks has since been evolved by the Government to check the robberies and dacoities in Banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Banks however, have been taking steps to improve their security arrangements so as to offer as little inducement as possible to miscreants to rob banks and also to deter them. As this is a continuous process, security measures implemented by public sector banks are being reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/instructions are given to the Banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, steps have been taken to appoint security guards, instal appropriate alarm systems, etc. in branches. Since apprehension of the culprits concerned is the most